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The reply filed on May 6, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

In response to the Restriction/Election requirement mailed April 7, 2004, Applicant submitted a response electing Group I with traverse.

However, Applicant failed to elect a single corresponding species drawn to antigenic peptides related to multiple sclerosis or antigenic peptides related to diabetes as set forth in the Restriction/Election Requirement. Accordingly, in order to be fully responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicant must elect a species for examination and must identify the claims readable on the elected species. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to F. Pierre VanderVegt whose telephone number is (571) 272-0852. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-4:00; Alternate Fridays 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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